

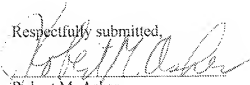
REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 11-14, 18 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Furukawa et al. Claims 9, 10, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Furukawa et al, in view of Sugawara. These rejections are moot in view of the present amendments. Applicants herewith expedite the present prosecution and reserve the right to pursue these claims in a continuation application.

Claims 3-8 and 15-17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to correspond to claim 3 in independent form. Claim 14 has been amended to correspond to claim 15 in independent form. All of the remaining claims depend from amended claims 1 or 14. It having been determined that claims 1 and 14 as amended are allowable, therefore all claims now pending in the application are allowable over the art of record.

All claims are now in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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